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ATEST TELEGRAMS.

HE ITALIAN DISASTER.

TERIOUS LOSSES OF MATERIAL

MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

N. Baldissone, the new commander-in-

general, has telegraphed that the position of

the men is not desperate. He has 18,000 men

at disposal, without counting the garris-

ons of fort, and the 12,000 men of the

French division. He has urgently asked

additional war material, and several

batteries of artillery. He adds that

that is surrounded by shoals.

4,500 OFFICERS AND MEN KILLED.

Telegrams from Massowah state that 400

soldiers, including Col. Galliano (pre-

sumed to be killed) were prisoners of the

King Menelik is at Axum, and

Baldissone has left Massowah for

Axum, where it is hoped his presence will

much to revive the spirits of the men.

According to the "Italia Militare," the

man losses amounted to 4,500 officers and

men, of which number 3,000 belonged to

Alberto's column, consisting of 4

0 battalions and some detachments of

troops.

GRAVE POPULAR OUTRAGE.

March 7.—Serious rioting occurred

yesterday, resulting in a conflict between

the people and the troops and police. The

troops began breaking the shop windows with

stones, and the military, who were ordered to

disperse the rioters, were received with a

sharp volley of missiles. The cavalry then

joined the crowd, who fired upon the

troops with revolvers. Fourteen persons

were wounded—12 soldiers and 2 rioters. The

parade of trains is suspended, the last

order to leave having been attacked by the

troops. An anti-African meeting will be held

on Sunday. About 100 soldiers, under orders

to proceed to Massowah, were entrained at a

suburban station to avoid a meeting with the

protestants. Crowds collected in front of

the barracks, shouting. "Soldiers, do not go

to Africa."

ENORMOUS LOSSES IN THE ROUR.

Rome, March 7.—It is estimated that the

losses in their retreat lost 1,000,000 rounds

of rifle ammunition, 5,000 artillery ammu-

nition charges, 5,000 mules and oxen, and

100 rifles. The military coffers, however,

contain several millions of lire in gold

and silver were saved. Telegrams from Milan

and Florence state that a mutinous spirit

prevails among the troops in those towns,

and that the fact of the officers has so far

prevented any serious attempts at insur-

rection. The women of Turin and Milan

were joined with those in Rome and Pavia

in circulating a protest against the war in

Africa. This protest is receiving large num-

bers of signatures.

THE MINISTERIAL SITUATION.

Rome, March 7.—The Ministerial crisis has

not undergone no fresh development. The

negotiations with various statesmen continue,

so far no solution has been arrived at.

Meanwhile the belief in the eventual forma-

tion of a Rudini Cabinet gains ground. At

the signor Crispi was summoned to the

palace, and had an audience with King

umberto lasting an hour. The newspapers

discussing the demonstrations in Rome

yesterday, agree that the police are chiefly

blame for the disorders which ensued.

About 40 arrests were made, but most of the

prisoners have been released. The "Don

arzio" states that the 3 Abyssinian princi-

pals recently returned to Africa from Swit-

zerland have fled to the Shoan camp.

FRANCE SYMPATHY.

Paris, March 7.—Count Tornelli, Italian

ambassador, waited upon M. Berthelot,

Minister for Foreign Affairs, to-day, to

thank him in the name of his Government

for the sympathy expressed by the French

Ministry on the occasion of the Italian de-

A LONDON RELIEF FUND.

A fund for the relief of the wounded at the

battle of Adowa has been initiated among

the Italian colony in London and the pro-

gressives will be in the nature of a contribution

to the Italian section of the Red Cross

Society—the International Ambulance Asso-

ciation. A deputation on the subject waited

upon Gen. Ferrero, the Italian ambassador,

at the Embassy, yesterday afternoon. His

excellency, while deprecating anything in the

nature of a festive character to aid the fund,

such as a proposed banquet and operatic per-

formance, expressed his sympathy with the

object of the deputation, and subscribed a

substantial sum, his example being followed

by the whole of the Embassy suite.

(Details of the fitting are given on page 7.)

SPAIN AND AMERICA.

Washington, March 7.—Senor Dolores,

Spanish Ambassador to the United States,

has received official dispatches from Madrid

declaring that the reports that the Spanish

Government are making treaties and al-

liances with other Powers, consequent upon

the attitude of the American Senate, are

absurd of foundation.

Madrid, March 7.—Demonstrations against

the United States are reported from different

towns of Spain. At Malaga blue jackets

from the French warship Drome marched

through the streets singing the Spanish

national anthem and the "Marseillaise,"

and cheering for Spain, France, and the

Spanish army. The sailors afterwards went

to the harbour, accompanied by some officers.

Demonstrations also occurred at Barcelona

and Cadiz. At the former place the orchestra

at the Grand Theatre, when the performance

was over, played the national march, where-

upon the audience rose and broke out into

enthusiastic shouts of "Long live Spain,"

"Down with the United States." The demonstration

was continued in the street, where the

people collected in groups, shouting and

cheering. The police endeavoured to disper-

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A ROMANCE.

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AUTHOR OF

"THE ADVENTURES OF VISCOUNT ARABELL,"

"THE DREDGE GROUP," "THE HISPANIOLA"

PLATE," "HIS OWN STORY," "THE SILENT

SHOUT," "A GENTLEMAN-ADVENTURER," ETC.

"The older men I've seen."

JACOBUS BALLAD.

CHAPTER XI.

ARCHIBALD'S ESCAPE.

Fortune had, indeed, stood the friend of those three denounced men, otherwise they must now have been lying—as Fordingbridge had said—in one of the many prisons of London awaiting their trial which—in the case of two at least—would have preceded by a short time only their executions and deaths. Deaths made doubly horrible by that which accompanied them, by the cutting out and casting into the fire of the still beating hearts of the victims, the disembowelling and quenching and mangling.

Yet, if such was ever to be their fate—and they tempted such fate terribly by their continued presence in London or, indeed, in England—it had not yet overtaken them; until now they were free. How Douglas Sholto and Bertie Elphinston had escaped the snare you have seen; how Archibald Sholto eluded those who sought him has now to be told.

Kate had no sooner departed in a chariot, sent for her by Lady Belrose, to take a dish of tea in company with the other members of the proposed party, before going on to Vauxhall; then Mr. Archibald, who had a large room at the top of the house was apprised by the servant that a Scotch gentleman awaited him in the garden. On desiring to be informed what the gentleman's name and errand were—for those engaged as the Jesuit now for omitted no precautions for their safety—a message was brought back that the visitor was an old friend of Mr. Archibald's, whom he would recognise on descending to the garden, and that his business was very pressing. Now Archibald was a man of great forethought—necessity had made him such—and, therefore, ere he descended to the garden he thought it well to take an observation of this mysterious caller who might be, as he said, a friend or, on the other hand, a representative of the law endeavouring to take advantage of him.

The opportunity for this observation presented itself, however, without any difficulty. On the backstairs of each flight in the houses of Kensington-square there existed precisely what exists in the present day in most houses, namely windows half-way up each flight, and gazing out into the garden, up and down the gravel walks of which the visitor was walking, sometimes stopping to inspect or to smell some of the roses already in bloom, and sometimes casting glances of impatience at the house—Archibald saw the man who, later on, was to deliver Kate's message to Bertie.

"Why?" he exclaimed to himself, "as I live 'tis James McGlowrie. Honest Jemmy! Indeed, can come on no evil intent to me or to those dear to me. Yet—yet—I fear. Even though he means no harm he may be the bearer of bad news," and so saying, he passed down the stairs and to the man awaiting him.

"James," he said, addressing the other in their native brogue, "this is a sight for sair e'en. 'tis he want on, what brings you here? First how did you know? I dwelt here, and next, what brings you here?—though right glad I am to see you once again."

"I have a few bits message for ye," "Achibald," said the other, shaking him warmly by the hand, "that it behoves you vary well to hear. And, dropping at once into the verbiage that was to so tense, while at the same time it amused Elphinston some hours later, 'not only to hear, but, to speak, as it were, to ponder on, yet also to decide quickly over and thereby to arrive at a good determination. D'y speak, Archibald Sh—, I mean, so to speak, Mr. Archibald?"

"Why no," said the other, with a faint smile, "I cannot in truth say that I do. James McGlowrie, you can speak to the point when you choose. Choose to do so now, I beg you."

"To the point is very well. And so will speak. Now, Archie, old friend, listen. Ye ken and weel remember, I doubt not, Georgie McNab, erector of Edinburgh."

"Indeed I do."

"Aye, sir. Very weel. Now Georgie McNab he come south and has gotten himself into the Scotch Secretary of State's office, for Georgie is no Jacobite!—and there he draws £600 a year sterling—not Scotch. Oh, no. Georgie is now vary weel to do, and what with the little estate his poor auld mother left him, which, so to speak, yields him thirty bolls and a few lots of barley, some peats at two pence per load, and many pecks of mustard seed at a shilling, and—"

"Jemmy, Jemmy," said the other, reproachfully, "was this the important errand you came here upon?"

"Nay, nay. My tongue runs away with me as ever. Yet, listen still. Georgie is no Jacobite, yet, i' faith, there's a many he's overweel disposed to, among others an old schoolfellow o' his, one Archibald."

"One Archibald! Ha! I take you. And, Jemmy, is he threatened, has he ought to fear from the Scotch Secretaries office?"

"The worst that can befall. Ay, man, the very worst. So are also two friends of his—late of, hem—a certain army that has of late made excursions and alarms as the bard hath it."

"So! I understand! We have been informed against, blown upon. Aye! aye! We were free but for the—our names not even on the list."

"Yet now," said McGlowrie, "are they there? Likewise also're addressed and habitments—all are very well known. My laddie, ye must flee out 'o the land and ava back to France, and go ye must at once. There's no time to be lost."

"I cannot go without warning the others—without knowing they are safe." Then, while a terribly stern look came into his face, he said, "Who has done this thing, McGlowrie, who has done it?"

"Can ye not vary weel guess?"

"Ay," the Jesuit answered, "it needs no question. Oh! Simeon Lar-Pent, Simeon Lar-Pent, if ever I have seen a boy like him."

"At this period most of the houses in Kensington-square had large gardens at the back. Those on the west side, where Lord Fordingbridge's is supposed to be situated, covered what is now known as Borehole-place."

you to my hand again, beware. Oh! to have you but for one hour in Paris and with the Holy Church to avenge me, a priest, agen you?" Then changing this tone to another more suitable, perhaps, to the occasion and the danger in which he stood, he added:

"What do they mean to do? When will they proceed to the work, think you?"

"At once; to-night perhaps; tomorrow for certain. Go, Archie, go, pack up your duds and see, I say. Even now the Government may have put the officers upon your hiding-place; have told the soldiers at Kington to surround the house. Loss no time."

"But the boys—the boys at Wandsworth. What of them?"

"They shall be warned, even though I do it myself. But now, Archie, up to your room, bring with you a small compass, so to speak—your necessities, and come with me."

"But where to? Where to?"

"Hech! with me. I have a bit lodgment, as you will know very well soon in the Minories, 'near there poor Lady Balmerino lodges—though they promise her that after her lord is condemned, as he must be—he will be buried in the Tower to the last; come with me, I say. For the love o' God, Archie, hesitate no longer."

Then indeed, Archibald Sholto knew that, if he would save himself and help the others, and—as he hoped to—wreak his vengeance on the treacherous adder that had stung them, he must follow honest James McGlowrie's counsel. So, very stiffly he passed up to his room, collected every paper he possessed, and carried away with him a small valise in which were a change of clothes, several bank bills, and gold crowns.

Then he returned to the garden at the rigid and plain-spoken Presbyterianism of his old school-fellow and whilom fag, they parted with a grasp of the hand, each to what he had to do. That James McGlowrie carried out his portion of the undertaking has been already told, as well as how, after the information he gave Lady Fordingbridge, he being close to the spot where the unhappy Lady Balmerino his kinswoman, was lodged, while in the West End, or rather the west of London, at the Kensington Gravel Pits, and under the roof of no less a person than Sir Charles Ames. Douglas had found a home and hiding place.

As for Archibald Sholto, he, too, did that which he had said would be best. He made his way from Kensington to Chelsea and so to Wandsworth, only to find when he had arrived there that his brother and friend was long since—for it was by then nine o'clock—departed for Vauxhall. Therefore, as he was to go to the Minories where he could be in Hanover-square, the guests of Lady Belrose, and were to remain as such until the former had had an interview with Fordingbridge. "For," said Kate to her friend who, although comparatively new one, was proving herself to be very staunch, "then I shall know, then I shall be able to decide. Though even now my decision is taken, my mind made up. Who can doubt that it is he who has done this? He and no other. No other!"

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OUR OMNIBUS.

PIPER PAN.

It is Sir Augustus Harris's intention to give a season of English opera at Drury Lane during the Easter holidays. This will prevent the performances of the "Nibelungen," talked of some time ago, taking place; but it is probable that Sir Augustus will put on "Die Walküre" in English again during the spring season. A strong company is being engaged, and the repertory will include favourite operas by English, French, Italian, and German composers; but, of course, the works by foreign writers will be rendered in their native languages. I am glad to hear, also, that popular prices are to be charged for admission. The season begins on Easter Saturday.

I hear that the Music Committee of the Corporation of London have decided to advertise for a principal of the Guildhall School of Music, in place of the late Sir Joseph Barnby. This place will no doubt give more satisfaction than any other as it is to be conducted in a business-like manner, and as the successful candidate can have only applied for the post in the same way as those less fortunate, no charges of favouritism, influence, &c., can be directed against the committee. The salary, which was, I believe, formerly £200 per annum, has now been increased to £1,000 per annum.

By the bye, talking of the Guildhall reminds me that the late Sir Joseph Barnby, in addition to Dr. Armes, Madame Paley, and several other well-known musicians, was at one time a member of Henry Leslie's choir, and it was while connected with the famous choir that he composed the charming part-song, "Sweet and Low."

Berlioz's "Faust" will be given at the next concert of the Royal Choral Society at the Albert Hall, on Thursday evening. The vocalists are: Miss Ella Russell, Mr. Ben Davies, Mr. Douglas Powell, and Mr. Ernest Edward Alexander Mackenzie will conduct. The performance of "Judas Maccaebaeus," postponed from Jan. 30, is announced to take place next Wednesday week, when all tickets purchased for the previous date will be available.

I hear that the popular young baritone, Mr. Plunket Greene, is having crowded houses and enormous success at his song recitals in New York. He has also been performing in other American towns, and been received in the same gratifying manner.

The last of Mr. Booze's Ballad Concerts of the present season takes place at Queen's Hall on Wednesday evening. A grand Sullivan night has been arranged for the occasion, and the artists are: Madames Evans, Helene Florence, Bertha Moore, Belle Cole, Ada Cranley, and Clara Butt; Messrs. Edward Lloyd, Jack Robertson, Maybrick Richard Green, and Douglas Powell. Mr. Eaton Fanning's Select Choir will also take part in the programme.

Madame Adelina Patti lately celebrated her 53rd birthday, having been born at Madrid on Feb. 19, 1843. The famous prima donna has been appearing in "Mirka" at Monte Carlo before a select audience consisting of the Czarowitch and his suite. The Czarowitch presented Madame Patti with several presents and his photograph as a souvenir of the entertainment.

An extra concert will be given by the Royal Academy of Music at Queen's Hall on Monday afternoon, a special feature of which will be organ performances by students of the popular musical institution.

The gifted young pianist, Herr Bernard Stavenhagen, is leaving London immediately for Wiesmar; but he will return here at the end of April, in time to conduct Miss Muriel Elliot's orchestral concert at St. James's Hall, on which occasion Herr Stavenhagen's piano forte concerto will be heard for the second time. It will be played by Miss Elliot, and conducted by the composer.

"Elijah" is down for performance at Queen's Hall by the National Sunday League Society on Sunday, March 8. The soloists are: Madames Amy Sherwin, Hannah Jones, Maude Ballard, Lillian Corner, Edward Jones, and James Blackney. The choir and orchestra will, as usual, consist of 350 performers, conducted by Dr. Churchill.

I was sorry to hear that Miss Margaret Macintyre was ill, and am glad to learn that such is not the case. The young Scottish soprano found the climate of Lisbon, where she went for the winter opera season, did not suit her; but now that she has returned to England she has regained her usual health.

Mr. Charles Salaman, the well-known veteran composer, celebrated his 82nd birthday on Tuesday last. It is his annual custom to prove that he still retains his faculty for composition by writing a new song each year; but this year he has brought out two, one entitled, "The Resigned Lover," words by his son, Mr. Malcolm Salaman, and another, "Concealed Love," set to verse by Dryden.

I understand that Mr. and Mrs. Durward will shortly return to London to fulfil concert and "at home" engagements. Their recitals of Scottish songs and stories have been immensely successful in Scotland, and it is not unlikely that Mr. Daniel Mayer may arrange for the talented couple to give some similar entertainments during their stay in London.

BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

Many of my readers are probably aware that amongst naturalists of all countries it is the common practice to give animals and plants Latin names. This is done to facilitate the study of natural history. The animal or plant in question is given a name in Latin that will serve persons of different nationalities alike, instead of the one it bears in the particular language in which it is written about. For example, "Passer domesticus" is the naturalist's name of the house sparrow, and when a naturalist is describing the sparrow, no matter in what language he is writing, that bird is spoken of as "Passer domesticus." This name is much easier to remember than the 101 other names it bears in different languages; in fact, were it not for the introduction of Latin names the study of natural history would be almost out of the question.

All naturalists are agreed that Latin names are preferable to any others, and have consequently adopted them; yet the question of naming natural history objects is a very vexed one, for naturalists of different countries have sets of rules of their own respecting this subject, and these sets of rules do not agree one with the other in several important points. For instance, the Americans and Germans adopt the names given by the great naturalist, Linnaeus, in 1758, while the English people adopt those given by the same author in 1811, when many of his former names were altered. Consequently, the Americans and English have different names for the same animal. To try and reconcile the rules of the different countries a meeting was held at the Zoological Society on Tuesday last, when many of the leading naturalists of the day took part in a most interest-

ing discussion which was opened by Dr. Solerter.

One of the greatest abominations of the sheep farmers in Australia is the kea parrot—a green bird with red under-wings and with a strong and sharp-pointed bill. This parrot has developed within recent times a taste for the flesh of living sheep, and many of these animals succumb to its attacks. Its modus operandi is to settle on the sheep's back, fasten its claws into the wool to get a foothold, and then tear away the flesh until it reaches the fat surrounding the kidneys, upon which it feeds. So great has this massacre become in many parts of the land that the aid of Government has had to be called in to offer rewards for the heads of the birds.

It is rather difficult to conjecture what was the origin of this habit in the kea parrot. One theory, however, has been put forward which seems feasible, and this is that the bird feeds to a great extent upon lichens that grow on stones and boulders. As there are numbers of dead sheep lying about, it is probable that they have been taken for the lichen-covered stones and have been picked away until toothsome fare has been found beneath the skin. As might be expected, when the taste for mutton had been acquired from dead sheep the bird did not stop there but attacked the living ones. This bad habit is, no doubt, a recent acquisition, but it appears to have taken root among the kea parrots very deeply, and it is doubtful whether it will ever be stamped out before the extinction of the birds themselves.

At the last meeting of the British Ornithologists' Club a rather curious exhibit was made in the shape of a photograph of a golden eagle with an adopted family of chickens. The bird had been about 30 years in captivity, and about 15 years ago began to lay eggs. When she commenced to sit upon them they were taken away and some eggs of the common fowl were substituted. In due course there were hatched 3 chickens, a cock and 2 hens, which the eagle brought up by feeding them on the flesh of rats after curving fare, it will be admitted, for chicken. The former of these, however, as she grew up, became obstreperous and impudent and generally unmanageable, which conduct the eagle resented by despatching him.

The additions to the Zoological Society's Menagerie during the week ending March 3 include a collared pheasant, a rusty hawk, a spiny-tailed mastigure, a greater-spotted woodpecker, 3 Punjab wild sheep, a Fraser's eagle owl, a hairy armadillo, a peregrine falcon, a puff adder, a lesser kestrel, a Canada goose, an eland (born in the gardens), 2 black swans, and a hoary snake.

A correspondent of Bromfeild-rd., Chesham, has written to me that he has some fowls which have taken to eating their own and ask for a remedy. The very bad habit for hens to acquire, and in many cases it is difficult to break them of it, and generally the best way is to get rid of the offenders. The habit originates, as a rule, either through egg-shells being thrown into the run for the birds to pick up or through the hens breaking the eggs accidentally and eating their contents.

One means of breaking the fowls of this vice is to mix a quantity of strong mustard, all an egg-shell with it, and then place it in the nest of the guilty one. The result will be satisfactory in many cases, but it is no means an infallible remedy, and if it does not check the habit after trying it once or twice I think it much the best to kill the fowl.

A common mistake that is made in sitting the nests is that the nests are made for them on boxes filled with straw and raised above the ground. This should not be done, for eggs while being incubated require a certain amount of moisture, which they get off the ground. The nests should therefore, if possible, be always placed on the ground and a very little straw given for a lining. If it is not convenient to make the nests on the ground boxes half-filled with earth should be used, in which the nests can be made. The hen should be allowed to get off the eggs when she pleases, and no anxiety need be felt with regard to the eggs getting cold while she is absent. It is usually thought that the eggs will not come to anything if allowed to get cold, but this is not the case. The time taken by a fowl to hatch her eggs is exactly 21 days.

THE ACTOR.

It was amusing to see the faces of those present at the Globe Theatre on Monday afternoon, a few minutes after the curtain had risen upon the scene from "Urkel the Actor." It had suddenly dawned upon the audience that the people on the stage were not speaking English! There was nothing on the programme to intimate—what was the fact that the scene was in Germany; and it is possible that to this day there are many of those who heard it who do not know in what language the players spoke. I cannot help thinking it was a mistake to include such an item in the programme.

Especially was it a mistake if the arrangers of the programme desired to make the centrepiece one for introducing Madame Viard to the London public. The press, I fancy, had not been invited to the performance, which was for the benefit of Mr. Sir Edward Dowson, and was, I believe, present in full force; they would have seen the lady only in a character by no means suited, apparently, to her personality. She represented a bearded young man, to whom she assigned a timidity of manner and a softness of voice very far from impressive. Altogether, the incident was an unlucky one.

Miss Lily Hall Caine is now Mrs. George Hall, and I am sure that all who know her and her husband, whether personally or by reputation, will wish them all possible happiness. Miss Caine is a sister of the well-known novelist, and a very clever and promising young actress. She has already made her mark; all that she wants now is opportunity. Her husband is, likewise, promising as a writer for the stage. He has been secretary to Mr. Henry Arthur Jones, and knows a great deal about the drama in various ways. A little piece of his was done not long since at the Court Theatre.

If I go to the afternoon performance at the Comedy on March 12 it will be mainly to see Mrs. W. K. Clifford's comedyetta, "A Honey-moon Tragedy," and to witness Miss Beatrice Herford's appearance in Mrs. Hugh Bell's "Blue or Green." This will be the first time Mrs. Clifford has figured alone as a dramatic writer. She collaborated with Mr. H. P. Pollock in a one-act piece called "An Interlude," produced by Miss Achurch at "Ferry's"; but this is the first play she has done "off her own bat." Miss Herford has hitherto been known as a very original and successful drawing-room entertainer.

At the time of writing no title has yet been bestowed finally upon the musical piece which is to follow "An Artist's Model" after Easter. "The Tea Girl," Jolly Japan, and Yokohama have all been suggested, and I can only say that I hope the last-named will not be adopted. It is cumbersome and tiresome. Either of the others would do very much better. About "Jolly Japan" there is a hearty sound, but the word "girl" seems so popular in a theatrical programme that perhaps "The Tea Girl" would be the best choice after all. In view of the fact that the new piece is Japanese in locale, it is almost a pity that "The Mikado" was so lately with us.

Every playgoer will have heard with regret to light that he had several thousand pounds

of the illness of Miss Kate Vaughan. It was obvious when she appeared at Terry's in "King Kodak" that she was far from strong. Since then, I believe, she has not been acting. She was always, it will be remembered, of delicate physique; and no doubt the reason why she adopted her peculiar style of dancing, with its minimum of exertion, is to be found in that fact. If her dances were as brief as they were graceful, it would be at least partly because she could not bear any great strain upon her bodily powers. Probably the hard work of touring in the provinces has been detrimental to her.

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THE THEATRES.

OPERA COMIQUE.

Who can deny that we are progressing towards a more definite claim for consideration as a people with a national opera of its own? After that magnificent work, "Ivanhoe," which for some inscrutable reason never attained half the popularity & merit that there was a prolonged "slump" in English opera of the serious kind. Cowen's "Harold" led to a feeble revival of hope. Hamish McCann's promising first attempt, "Jeanie Deans," recently stimulated them so far as Scotland is concerned; and now has come the turn of Ireland with Prof. Villiers Stanford's splendid effort, as revealed in "Shamus O'Brien."



Shamus O'Brien's Arrest in Act I.

"O'Brien," and it has been reserved for the Opera Comique, where that Gilbert and Sullivan combination of which we are all so proud first showed itself, to give shelter to the latest outcome of native talent. All who know anything of musical matters were aware of Villiers Stanford's ability as a composer, of his claims to consideration also in the region of opera, but a good many years have passed since the production of "The Veiled Prophet of Khorassan," "Savonarola," and "The Canterbury Pilgrims." Experience has not been bought in vain, and now the composer comes forward with a work which, although couched in the main in a lighter vein than previous efforts, is also no small extent a highly successful venture into the more serious realms of opera. It is often by no means pleasing duty to record but faint praise of native achievement in these particularly thorny paths of composition. It is all the more gratifying, therefore, to be able to write in no stinted terms of Villiers Stanford's "Shamus O'Brien," a work instinct with Irish humour, full of delightful melody of a kind peculiar to Erin, and elevated by writing both convincing and dramatic when the sadder and darker side of life in the Emerald Isle needs to be faithfully suggested by the musician's pen. Rare is it also that one can say much in favour of the librettist's share of the work, but Mr. George Jessop's book is an exception, the dialogue is forcible and pointed, the lyrics, on the whole, we should think, gave the composer but little trouble, and native humour is not absent. Certainly, the ringing note and then the mellow, mellowed realisation of great makers, although, saving for the possible Irishman which may be hidden, we cannot forgive.

*Life's a battle; we have lost it;
Becken not how much it costed;
Death's a river; when you're crossed it.*

To get rid of objections at once, it may be asked, why "A Romantic Comic Opera in Two Acts?" Romantic the work certainly is, and with the note of tragedy pretty plainly sounded, but to call it a comic opera just because there is a considerable vein of humour running through it is certainly wrong—unfortunately there is no term equivalent to "opera comique." Shamus O'Brien," founded on Le Fanu's poem, is a story of Ireland a century since, and opens in a pretty



Miss M. Davies. Mr. W. H. Stephens. Duet in Act II.

scene of the village of Ballyhamie, in the mountains of Cork, just after the suppression of the rebellion of '98. Shamus O'Brien had carried a pike against the Government, and the soldiers are after him. Not one of his neighbours, however, would do other than help him to escape (with the exception of Mike Murphy, a rejected lover of Nora O'Brien), and this is their opinion of the young outlaw:

If Rómulus an' Rámus
Had lived along o' Shamus,
They'd like to copy what's wid a lion.

Speak up, you can't be blimey us;

If the boys of Ballyhamie
Shout, "Faugh a ballyll" Shamus,

The O'Brien?

Kitty O'Toole, a winsome and amusing maid, as played by Miss Maggie Davies, overhauls Mike (Mr. J. O'Mara) make a bargain with the captain of an English troop to betray Shamus, and she subsequently has many a serious flirtation with the officer (Mr. W. H. Stephens), most of the best of the lighter music being written for these two. Kitty has a pretty melody with which to accompany the song, "What is the man that is coming to carry me?" and joins in an amusing duet. "Well, he'll take me by the hand." By the placing of a creel on the roof of O'Brien's cabin, his wife Nora signals for the help of their friends, and Shamus himself, who appears disguised as the village idiot, volunteers to guide the soldiers to their man. The villagers, keenly appreciating this joke in the face of danger, see O'Brien march off with the military, and while awaiting his return, dance a lively jig to the accompaniment of a pipe seated on a table. Spirits rise higher when Shamus reappears, having left the soldiers in a bog, but Nora has heard the wild death cry of the Banshee, and while recounting this to her husband, in weird strains

the ominous wail is again heard. This sudden transition from gay to grave is made the more striking by extremely clever orchestration, and Act I. comes to an end with the return of the soldiers led by Mike Murphy and the arrest of the outlaw. Much of the first part of the succeeding act is comic in conception, and the action takes place in the bar-room square. The captain's heart is "thrall to Kitty's beauty," and he tells us so in an effective number with cello predominating. To this succeeds a duet with Mike, in which—as in so many other instances—the composer has presented a delightful picture of Irish music. To the crying out, humorous tones of the informer pleading for his reward come short sarcastic answers from the officer, and the piece was splendidly rendered on the first night that it was redemand.

Throughout Mr. O'Brien acted with great

"Utopia," "Pinsford," "Paliance," "Isolana," "Mikado," "Gondoliers," "Yeomen of the Guard," "Chieftain," and "Ruddigore." The concerted numbers are all well rendered, notably the quintette ("Sorceress"), "She will tend him," the duet ("Pinsford"), "Legend and Fable," and a scene from "Judge and Jury." The solos were taken by Misses Alice Lester, Marianne Richards, and Louise Antier amongst others, and Messrs. Sterling Wells, Dudley Richards, and Davies. Two humorous songs, capital stuff by Mr. Will Ballard, completed a very good programme.

HALLS AND PALACES.

When the sketch first commenced to gain a firm hold on the comic hall stage some jealousy was exercised by a section of our theatre workers because of the freedom allowed the former compared with the many restrictions and conditions surrounding the production of plays. But little by little the sketch has grown in importance until now there is scarcely a variety entertainment in London that does not regard its patrons with miniature dramas and comic operettes, which meet great attention and success for the theatres. Great attention is now paid to the all important matter of stagecraft, and often the whole production rises to a quite convincing level. "Drummond O'Brien" was such a sketch, and now at the Oxford, "The Little Stowaway" takes its place, with Alice Mayday in the name part. A big company is concerned in its presentation, and one of the scenic features is a liner on the ocean at night. Of course, in addition, there is a large variety programme, including the past week the Royal, and the auctioneer rightly vouches and holds a small unashamed reputation for the same. When it was known as Mrs. O'Brien's Coffee-house to the present day, was knocked down at £60,500. It must not be imagined that the sale has any effect upon the entertainment, which goes on just as usual under the management of Mr. George Burgess, and, as a matter of fact, the vendor re-bought the place.—To-morrow Miller, Dagley, whose photographs recently so shocked the Brighton puritanical party, will make her appearance in the name of the "Minstrels Parisiens." She is a woman-like, pleads for him, and the character of the most intelligent and realistic body of Irish peasantry one can imagine) still of a rescue while the soldier predict "We shall see a pretty hanging." The scene changes to another, where the sentence is to be carried into effect, and here Nora, with her little "gooson," awaits the impending doom, and almost demented by grief, mistakes the wail of the peasants accompanying the cart of the condemned for the cry of the dreaded Banshee. There is the final parting after a defiant song from Shamus, and then the priest mounts the cart to perform his last office, but suddenly exclaiming, "I can't stand it," Father O'Flynn severs the bonds of the power, and his son makes a successful dash for liberty, and amidst the shots fired at his retreating form, Mike Murphy, the informer, falls pierced to the heart. The music throughout maintains its high level, and the general atmosphere is wonderfully fresh. We have mentioned three of the artists, and, in addition, Mr. Denis O'Sullivan, who, as the hero, is handsome and manly, possesses a baritone voice of considerable charm and power. He has some effective numbers, including his first song, "I've sharpened the sword for the sake of Old Erin" and his last, "Listen to me, men, I'll be shortly going." Miss Kirby Lunan, as the stricken wife, acts with convincing earnestness a difficult part, and sings well: Mr. C. Magrath is Father O'Flynn, who is apportioned some taking music, including lines sung to the familiar tune with which his name has been long associated; and Ashter Scully is the little heir of the last French importation, "Le Minstrel Parisiens." She is proving a great attraction at the Palace, their artistic and amateur efforts being the best thing that have been seen for a long time.

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ROYAL AQUARIUM.

Certainly a very pleasant and attractive programme is that presented by the Royal Bohemian in the Imperial Theatre of the Royal Aquarium. Long ago the dusky performers known as the Brothers Bohemian made good their claim to be considered past masters in the art of banjo playing and singing. The "Widow" reached its 200th representation on Wednesday.—Mr. Edmund Payne, who, it will be remembered, was stricken down by serious illness after the first night of "The Shop Girl," is at last happily in a fair way of recovery, giving promise of his speedy return to the stage.—An interesting result of phonography will be heard in the new Japanese musical comedy, for which Mr. George Edwards, ever on the look-out for novelty, has imported a real song of the country, with a number of tunes from the same, and the title of "The Japanese Musical Comedy." 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LARRY LYNX'S LATEST.

The Grand Military Meeting at Sandown Park was much brought a large attendance of ladies. The fair was well, like the Grand Duchess of Gerstein's, "done on the sly." As a rule we get a lot of rough riding at these meetings, but at the same time they do not lack pluck, nerve, and resolution amongst the officers who take part in them. Mr. Reginald Esher was present at the fixture, but he looking none too well, had it ever been fall indeed. Capt. Ricardo was to have ridden his horse throughout the meeting, but he caught a very bad chill after riding Esher into third place behind Brawn in the Fast and Present Steeplechase. The late Mr. Charles Thompson, lucky to win, as both Eshers and Esher looked all over the fence from home. Then Brawn tried to cut it, and neither Mr. Charles Thompson nor Capt. Ricardo on Eshers were able to take advantage of the occasion. Nelly Gray did not ride the journey in vain from Ireland, and the Gold Cup, which she had won, was much preferred to her, as she was looked as if she had suffered from a long voyage across St. George's Channel. Nelly Gray and The Midshipmite had a tough tussle at the finish, but the first-named won by a head. Orton won the selling handicap from two better backed ones in Walsall and Lambton, and Kendaldale, thanks to a successful objection against Battlement, dropped through the Open Hunt Flat Race. Dead Level's victory in the Maiden Steeplechase added another laurel to the Aldeburgh star.

With regard to the Great National, there is little to say. The shape and changes will take place before it is decided. Horizon's most recent performance places him very much below par, and he must now be counted as thoroughly out of condition.

Improvement in the Alteace country, Orton since Mr. Charles Thompson has had him in hand, but he may do so again. Veteran as old Why Not is, I should prefer him to Ardearn, because he will be ridden by Arthur Nightingale. The youthful Alpheus has never negotiated the course, but he will be sent to place the first time I should like to see Waterford, Caen, and Aincourt all come. The best business for the Lincolnshire Handicap at the present time is Garroway to win and a place.

Next week we shall see the Oxford and Cambridge University crews at work on the Thames, and frequenters of the river will be able to form an opinion as to the merits of the rival crews. The competition appears to be a very open one, and it would only be in accordance with the eternal fitness of things if Cambridge had a turn in their luck.

The race meetings for next week include Birmingham, Gatwick, Malvern, and Kempton Park. My selections are as follows:

Gatwick (Monday)—Staffordshire Handicap Hurdle Race, Uncle Tom; Saltie Steeplechase Plate, Golden Sire; Maiden National Hunt Flat Race, Millbrook; Walsall Handicap Steeplechase Plate, Granta; (Tuesday)—Maiden National Handicap Steeplechase, Norton; Handicap Hurdle Race, St. Albans; Ascot Steeplechase, Bitz; Stewards' Steeplechase, Waterford or Norton; International Hurdle Race, Eastbury.

Maiden (Tuesday)—Brook Maiden Hurdle Race, Newby; Tantray Steeplechase, Dead Level; Winton Hurdle Race, Vicar II; Surveyor Steeplechase, Waterford; Horfield Hurdle Race, Hurdle Race, Night Attack; (Wednesday) Hartkaway Steeplechase, Ascot; Steeplechase, Bitz; Stewards' Steeplechase, Waterford or Norton; International Hurdle Race, Eastbury.

Malvern (Tuesday)—Horse Hill Hurdle Selling Race, Plate, Long Cresset Steeplechase Plate, Swaledale; Maiden National Hunt Flat Race Plate, Minster; Langton Handicap Hurdle Race, Tyrolean; Sutton Handicap Steeplechase Plate, Lord Lieutenant; (Friday) Fitzwilliam Hurdle Plate, Snape; Highfield Handicap Steeplechase Plate, Peter Melville; Merton Half-bred Handicap Plate, Bute; Stake; Welham Selling National Hunt Flat Race, Belmont; Yorkshire Maiden Steeplechase Plate, Farndale.

Kempton Park (Friday)—Portland Selling Steeplechase, Quack; Kempton Park March Handicap Steeplechase, The Servant; Houndsell Steeplechase, Prince Albert; Littleton Handicap Hurdle Race, Whaddon Chase; (Saturday) Kingston Hurdle Handicap, Vicar II; Stand Steeplechase, Prince Moriarity; Shepton Selling Plate, Houndsell Handicap, Iping or Solids; Maiden Hurdle Race, Newby; Strawberry Hill Hurdle Race Plate, Robert Dow.

YESTERDAY'S RACING.**THE GRAND MILITARY (SANDOWN PARK) MEETING.**

The UNITED SERVICE STEEPELCHASE OF 200 svars.

Two miles and a half.

Capt. Powell's (R.H.A.) Dead Level, tyro, 1st 7lb.

Mr. A. Lawson's (Scots Greys) Rohilla, 5yrs, 1st 7lb.

Capt. Ricardo, 3rd 7lb.

Mr. Rose's (Royal Horse Guards) Anchor, aged, 12st 9lb.

Winner trained by Swanson.

Betting: 11 to 10 against Dalkeith, 11 to 10 against Dead Level, 20 to 1 each against Rohilla and Anchor. Dalkeith settled down from Anchor and led until three furlongs from home, when Dead Level assumed the command and won easily by a length and a half; three lengths separated second and third.

AN OPEN SELLING HANDICAP STEEPELCHASE OF 100 svars. Two miles.

Mr. Creswell's The Primate, aged, 12st 6lb.

Mr. Bewicks' Mr. Batcher's Bouncing Boy, aged 12st 6lb.

Mr. C. Thompson's The Screw, aged, 1st 10lb Owner Mrs. Sadler-Jackson's Nod, 5yrs, 1st 10lb Matthews Capt. F. MacMahon's Rossmore, aged, 1st 10lb Jones Mr. T. Brand's Jack Srvs, 1st 10lb. Hewitt Mr. E. Rose's Torchlight, aged, 1st 10lb. Mr. W. H. Moore's Bouchard-aux-Dunes, aged, 1st 10lb Mr. G. G. Campbell Capt. G. R. Powell's King John, Srvs, 1st 12lb Bland Winner trained by Powney.

Betting: 5 to 2 against The Screw, 11 to 4 against The Primate, 3 to 1 against Nod, 6 to 1 against Bouncing Boy, 10 to 1 against The Screw, and 10 to 1 against any other. The screw took the lead from the start, and held the running for half the journey, when The Primate and The Screw took close order with the leader, with Bouncing Boy fourth. Three furlongs from home Bouncing Boy assumed the command, followed by The Primate, a close finish between the pair resulting in a dead heat, six lengths of The Screw was third. Jack was fourth.

Decider.—The Primate beat Bouncing Boy, after an exciting race, by a neck. Betting: Evans The Primate.

The GRAND MILITARY HANDICAP STEEPELCHASE OF 250 svars. Two miles and a half.

Mr. Eustace Loder's (1st Lancers) Boy Chieftain, aged, 1st 9lb. Mr. C. J. Crowley

Mr. A. Lawson's (Scots Greys) Conger, 5yrs, 1st 9lb.

Owner Mr. F. Graham's (1st Dragoon Guards) Leprechaun, aged, 1st 7lb.

Capt. Crawley Capt. O'R-Ewing's (16th Lancers) Nelly Gray, aged, 1st 10lb.

Capt. Major Hughson's (2nd Life Guards) Sheep, aged, 1st 10lb.

Sir C. Slade 0 Winner trained by J. Cannon, jun.

Betting: 2 to 1 against Sheep, 3 to 1 against Leprechaun, 7 to 2 against Conger, 7 to 1 against Boy Chieftain, and 8 to 1 against Nelly Gray. Conger led for half a mile when he was joined by Sheep, who assumed the command on the far stretch. Sheep took the lead, followed by Conger, with Sheep becoming second, and closing with Conger in the run home, won a fine race by a head; a bad third. Nelly Gray was fourth, and Sheep last.

AS OPEN SELLING HURDLE RACE OF 100 svars. Two miles.

Capt. Whitaker's Badminton, tyro, 1st 7lb.

Mr. Bewicks' Mr. C. Thompson's The Screw, aged, 1st 10lb.

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Nine youths were heavily fined at Birmingham for breaking down a horse, placing the hay on 4 temporary built furnaces and setting it alight. Previously the owner of the land lost 10 sheep, which were driven into a pond and stoned, a ewe lamb was dropped into a deep well and drowned, and a valuable mare was ill-used.

THE SOLENT CLASSES RACING ASSOCIATION.

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The first annual meeting of the members of the above association took place at the Hotel Victoria, Southampton, under the presidency of Col. Gunston.

Mr. Eustace Loder's (1st Lancers) Boy Chieftain, aged, 1st 9lb.

Mr. C. J. Crowley

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Sir C. Slade 0 Winner trained by J. Cannon.

Betting: 100 to 30 against Badminton, 7 to 3 against Lady Nelly Gray, 10 to 20 against The Screw, 10 to 20 against High Glee, 10 to 1 against Romeo, and 8 to 8 against the others. Won by four lengths, a good separated second and third.

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The People.

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field, chap. 19.

THE NAVY AND THE PEOPLE.

Mr. Goschen's naval programme is admirable. If there be any fault to be found with it, all it is this—that, far as it goes, it might go farther in the direction of the attainment of absolute security for the defence of our country and our empire. We need not here recapitulate the items of the Estimates, which our readers can study for themselves in another column. By so doing they will see that the Government have provided for a substantial increase in the number of our ships, our men, and our guns, besides undertaking to convert Gibraltar into a strong naval base by the construction of three docks. The decision to transform the present useless "Rock" into a centre of the highest strategic importance is not the least noteworthy feature of the programme. If it be asked why this country should be required to expend a sum of nearly twenty-two millions on the Navy for the year 1896-97, the answer is simple. That is the price which naval experts—who, alone, are competent to judge in a matter of this kind—advise the Government to be required as the premium for the insurance of the political and commercial security of the British empire for that period. We do not mean that the Government have been advised that this is all that might advantageously be spent if money were no object. But, taking every consideration into account, the Government have concluded that a smaller sum would not do. Now, will any Englishman say that twenty-two millions is an excessive premium to pay for the insurance of the greatest empire the world has ever known? The most unobservant member of the public can scarcely have failed to realise something of the vital necessity of strengthening the resources of the national defence, seeing how vivid a search-light recent events have thrown upon the malignant jealousy with which our commercial supremacy and our world-wide dominion are regarded by other nations. But, while all classes of the community should unite in approving an expenditure which is certain to prove cheaper in the end than present economy would prove to be, there are several special reasons why Mr. Goschen's scheme should commend itself favourably to the working classes in particular. In the first place, the naval programme will not involve the addition of a single penny to the burden of taxation, thanks to the patriotic determination of the Government to devote the surplus revenue to the purposes of the Naval Works Bill instead of spending it, as would ordinarily be done, upon the reduction of the National Debt. The public, therefore, will not feel the cost of a policy from which they will obtain the assurance of the stability of the edifice of the national prosperity. Besides this, the addition of nearly five thousand men to the strength of the Navy will afford an honourable career to numbers of smart young fellows who might otherwise be in want of employment; while the increase in the pay of certain of the lower ranks of the Navy will hold out greater inducements to young men to enter that service. More important, however, in its bearing upon the welfare of the working class community in general, is the amount of work which will necessarily be the result of the programme. The building of forty-six vessels, of one kind or another; the construction of new docks at Gibraltar, the Cape, and Mauritius; the building of a new naval hospital at Chatham; the extension of Keyham Naval Barracks; and the building, presumably, of a new naval college to replace the Britannia—all this, with the providing of more guns, ammunition, and so forth, means an enormous amount of work and wages for our industrial population. For that reason, therefore, if for no other, the working classes of this country have good reason to be more than satisfied with a programme which puts money in their pockets without taking any out.

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TERRIBLE DISASTER
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A serious accident happened to the Leeds express on the G. N. Rly., last night, at Little Bytham, 16 miles from Peterborough. By some unexplained means the 2 rear carriages ran off the road and went over an embankment. Two persons were killed—a lady and a gentleman—and several injured. The fore part of the train continued its journey after the injured had been seen to, and reached Peterborough at 10.30. The injured included Mr. Britton, of Aldgate.

A representative of "The People," who made inquiries at King's Cross early this morning, writes:—A terrible accident, involving the loss of 2 lives and serious injuries to 3 other persons, occurred on the Great Northern Railway about 8 o'clock last night. The train left Leeds Central Station at 5.30 and was due at King's Cross at 9.30. This is an express drawn by one of the company's most powerful engines, with dining cars attached, and is regarded as one of the most popular trains running between the Northern manufacturing town and the metropolis. The cause of the accident can only be conjectured, but such of the circumstances as are known make it stand out as a remarkable disaster, more especially as the loss of life and injury to passengers were so comparatively slight. This is due to the exceptional circumstance that the 2 last carriages of the train contained only 6 persons. The journey was accomplished as far as Grantham in the usual smoothness, a large number of passengers availing themselves of the dining cars. There is no stoppage at Grantham, but several carriages are slipped at Retford for the convenience of passengers. Sixteen miles on the Grantham side of London, and 88 miles from the metropolis, is Little Bytham, and here it was that the accident occurred. At a point approaching an aqueduct there is a slight curve, and it was while running over this at high speed that the passengers were alarmed by a considerable oscillation. Some time like a panic occurred both in the dining and other cars, and a reduced speed indicated that the driver of the engine had shut off the steam and was endeavouring to bring the train to a standstill. The oscillation subsided, but, on several of the passengers looking from the windows, they were horrified at seeing, in the words of a travelling reader, "a black mass with flickering lights rolling down the embankment."

The train being brought to a stop, it was seen that the rearward's van and the 2 last passenger carriages had become separated and gone with fearful velocity down the incline near the aqueduct. A terrible scene ensued. From the tumbling and tossing carriages, which at this moment had not stopped, their career along the base of the embankment could be heard the shrieks for help of the distressed passengers. Then there was a fearful thud, followed by sounds of crashing of timber, and all became still in the darkness. The officials connected with the fore part of the train, and also many of the passengers, hurried along the line to the scene of the catastrophe, and the gruesome work of searching by aid of lantern was commenced. Some faint cries were again heard, and it was found that the 2 carriages and the guard's van, after traversing a considerable distance, had become telescoped and overturned, the scene being one of complete wreckage and appalling from every point of view.

By the flickering light of the lanterns it was ascertained that 3 of the occupants of the carriages had been thrown completely through the broken sides into the field. One of them was picked up dead, and the other was seriously injured. The 2 other passengers in the carriages had suffered in a similarly terrible manner, one of them being dead. The guard, named Nott, was also found to be severely injured. The two more seriously hurt were promptly conveyed to Peterborough, while the third, a gentleman named Britton, said to be a professional traveller, was brought to London in the fore part of the train. The two persons killed are a lady and gentleman, but up to 2 a.m. their names could not be ascertained.

There were several M.P.s and other well-known persons in the front part of the train, and at an early hour this morning the up platform at King's Cross was filled by an excited crowd of anxious relatives and friends.

PRINCESS'S THEATRE
LAST NIGHT.

The "Colleen Bawn," with a renewed vitality, chiefly due to the immersion of its heroine in the "real water" of the tank, having run its course at the Oxford-street theatre, will no longer supersede by the "real" perennially attractive drama of "Esmeralda" in which that excellent actress, Miss Jessie Eignold, was seen at her best in her powerful and pathetic impersonation of Isabel Carlyle. The scene through which the miserable mother returns disguised to her own home as Madame Vine, the hospital nurse, to the bedside of her sick child—the being in life most dear to her—again exercised its sympathetic influence upon the audience by its illusive play upon their emotions—an appeal which never fails of its effect. It is stated that this favourite play to be given only as stopgap for three weeks, while the new melodrama of modern life, written for the theatre and its company by Messrs. Sims and Shirley, is rehearsed for presentation to the holiday folk at Easter.

A WIFE'S DEBTS.

At Bromley County Court, yesterday, Mr. Eugene Sharer, of Holborn Viaduct Hotel, described as an African merchant, carrying on business in Coleman-st., City, was sum-

moned by Messrs. Podger and Sons, Ltd., for dyeing and cleaning work executed for defendant's wife, who resides with her family in Forest Hill.—The plaintiffs admitted their knowledge that defendant and his wife were living apart, but they had always been given to understand that defendant would pay.—Defendant said he parted from his wife last July, and since then he had allowed her at the rate of £400 a year. She had, however, pledged his credit to the extent of several hundred pounds, and he had received heavy accounts from several large firms, which he refused to pay.—Judge Emden said the plaintiff company knew that defendant and his wife were parted, and it was therefore their duty, before doing work for Mrs. Sharer, to ascertain who would pay for it.—Judgment for defendant, with costs.

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TRAGEDY IN STAMFORD-ST.
THIS MORNING.

At 12.25 this morning piercing shrieks were heard in Bennett-st., a thoroughfare leading off Stamford-st., and by a few passers-by a woman was seen staggering from a court known as Bennett-court. Blood was flowing from her back, and the unfortunate crept with cries of "Murder, murder." "Fetch the police," and "He's stabbed me," soon aroused the neighbourhood. A great crowd collected, and it was found that the woman had been seriously, if not fatally, wounded. She stated that she had accompanied a man up Bennett-place, and, after a few words, he took a long knife and stabbed her in the back. Her assailant then made off. Two policemen arriving on the scene of the tragedy, the woman was conveyed in a cab to Guy's Hospital. She describes the man as being of slight build, wearing a tweed suit and a blue muffler. The victim's name did not transpire, and owing to her condition the police were unable to obtain any particulars as to her identity previous to her removal. The police state that they believe no difficulty will be experienced in apprehending the man, as during the last week or so several serious assaults have been committed upon women in the district, and one man has been under observation.

Up to an advanced hour Bennett-st. was crowded with people attracted to the spot by the cries of the woman. That the woman's wounds are of a very serious character may be gathered from the fact that there were pools of blood in the passage and on the pavement as far as she had staggered before falling. The police of the Southwark Division had not effected any arrest up to 1.30 a.m.

One of the residents adjoining the court, in the course of an interview, said that he and his husband were in bed when they heard cries of "Murder" and "I'm stabbed." His husband dressed hurriedly, and upon going out found a woman lying on the pavement. She was evidently in great pain, and was soon picked up by Capt. Britton, of Bennett-st., who was dressed in a quiet and orderly thoroughfare, and by midnight there were very few pedestrians.

VOLUNTEERS YESTERDAY.

1st SUNNAT.

At the headquarters of this corps at Camberwell the members of the Regimental School-at-Arms gave, under the patronage of Col. Villiers and the officers, an assault-at-arms and gymnastic display, which was largely attended. The programme included bayonet exercise, physical drill, rifle exercises, &c. Four hundred volunteers, Col. Villiers' old school in costume by the 1st London regt and sword dancing by the London Scottish Rifles, a running race by members of the 12th Middlesex (King's Service), and other interesting features. In the boxing arena there was a smart set-to between George Morris and Pauline, of the 1st London Guards, while another bout took place between Collin Collins and "Ginger" Stewart. The string band of the regiment performed throughout the evening under the direction of Bandmaster Evans.

4TH WEST SURBURY.

All ranks of the corps assembled at Wormwood Scrubs at 5.30 p.m. for battalion drill, and some post operations, for which purpose 10 rounds of blank ammunition were issued per man.

LONDON IRISH.

Col. J. Ward, commanding officer, gave a smoking concert upon an elaborate scale at St. Stephen's Hall, Mayfair, on Saturday evening, with officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, of whom there are over 1,100 on the muster-roll of the regiment. The colonel presided, and a large number of Regular and Volunteer officers supported him, including Col. Viscount Falimos. The arrangements were efficiently carried out by Capt. F. M. Terris. The programme contained contributions by a number of well-known artists.

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YESTERDAY'S
LAW AND POLICE.

Divorce Court.

THE MYSTERIOUS INTERVENTION.

MILSON v. MILSON (Queen's Proctor intervening).—Hearing resumed.—The opening proceedings appear on another page.—Mr. Milson was yesterday cross-examined. He said he did not remember whether in 1886 he stayed at Mallock's member whatever he was. He stayed at Mallock's the same boarding-house as Nellie Tinsley, who was now his housekeeper. She kept some clothes in his room. He did not know her being incensed in 1880, or suspected it. One of his sisters took her away to be confined.—To the President: He could not suggest any reason why his sister should do this.—Answering further question, he said that the relations between himself and Nellie Tinsley were only that of master and servant. He had for some time been striking his wife.—Nellie Tinsley was also accused of having by means of false pretences obtained £2, from Mrs. Amy Oblain, of Regent's Park rd.—The evidence showed that prisoner had formerly been a postman. On Feb. 14 he called at Mrs. Oblain's residence, and saw Jane Cox, the cook. She gave him a blue paper, telling her to show him to her mistress and to ask her for a subscription for the old postman. Cox showed the paper to his mistress, and advised her not to give anything. The cook gave accused the paper back, and, by way of an excuse, said the postman would be coming there that evening. In about half an hour the prisoner went to the door of the same house and knocked. Mrs. Oblain, who was expecting him, opened the door to him, and said he called in regard to a subscription which was being got up for an invalid postman. She observed about a dozen persons' names and addresses on the paper, all in different handwriting, with subscriptions attached thereto. A short statement on the paper explained that a postman was disabled from work on account of an attack of acute rheumatism. Mrs. Oblain then gave the prisoner 2s., and he left. When she entered the apartment on the paper, Alfred H. Barnes, Post Office overseer, stated that the postman had no authority to collect subscriptions. The postman the prisoner had made was well and on duty on the night in question. The same evening prisoner went to 19, Albert Rd., Regent's Park, and induced the servant, Lydia Clark, to go to her master and say that the 8 o'clock postman had just left the parish infirmary, had called for a subscription, and asked his support. As the result, Mrs. Barnes gave 5s. When Det.-sergeant Dew arrived the prisoner he declared he had come to the Bedford Music Hall that night, but for which he said he would not have been captured. Dew added that the postman had been a serious nuisance to the Post Office and the public by going round getting money in this way. Many complaints had reached the police from the N.W. District. Newbury had been previously convicted for larceny and for begging.—Remanded.

and threw him on to the pavement. His head struck the kerb, and he lay rendered unconscious.—P.C. Wright, who took the complainant to the hospital, said that the prisoner, when charged, remarked, "I am very sorry, but he doesn't get it." The doctor reported that complainant was suffering from concussion of the brain and a scalp wound.—Remanded.

Marylebone.

CHARGE AGAINST AN EX-POSTMAN.

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Cross-examined. The child was registered in the name of Rowlands, and she represented that it was her "husband's". The child was born at Bristol. She did not want the name of the father published, but was willing to hand up the written name to the judge if desired.—By the President: The father of the child gave her £10 before it was born. She could not produce any written record of him.—Answering further question, she said that the father lived at Brampton. She had known him for 7 years. He was a publican. Her child has been at Mr. Milson's house for 2 years. At first she did not tell him she was the mother, but afterwards said she was. She had told petitioner's sister that her husband was a commercial traveller, and that his name was Rowlands.—To the President: The funeral-card was sent to her, but she did not know by whom.—The jury returned a verdict in favour of the Queen's Proctor. The decree nisi was rescinded and the petition was dismissed with costs.

Queen's Bench Division.

THEATRICAL LIBEL CASE.—VERDICT.

Justice Wills and a common jury returned the bearing of the case of Harring v. W. H. Publishing Co., and others, it being in action in which plaintiff sought damages for an alleged libel upon him in his character of a theatrical manager.

Defendants denied that the words complained of bore the meaning attributed to them, and asserted that what had been published was fair comment upon public interest, and that it was true.—Plaintiff, cross-examined by Mr. Cock, said that he was an un-discharged bankrupt, and had been since 1890.

The "Morocco Bound" Syndicate, Ltd., eventually took proceedings against him for an injunction, which was denied. He did not know whether his partner drew a cheque for £200 on a bank where he had no account and sent it to Mr. Amberly. Ultimately there was a verdict by the court for £200 for plaintiff for £100. The judge thought plaintiff had completely cleared himself.

DISPUTE ABOUT A BOILER.

The Lord Chief Justice had before him, for further consideration, the case of the N.E. Marine Engineering Co. (Ltd.) v. Handcock.—Plaintiffs are shipbuilders and boilermakers, of Sunderland, and defendants are owners of the N.E. Sunderland, of Cardiff. Plaintiffs sought to recover £250, balance due under a contract for the supply of a boiler. Defendants admitted the claim, but counter-claimed for damages, alleging that the contract had not been carried out, and that the boiler was defective.—The case came on before the Lord Chief Justice in July, when it was agreed that an arbitrator should be appointed to inspect the boiler and report to the court with regard to the alleged defects.—The case now came before the court for further consideration on an arbitrator's report.—After hearing arguments, his lordship gave judgment for plaintiffs on the claim and for defendants on the counter-claim.

Admiralty Court.

The court awarded the Grimsby steam trawlers Eagle and Rambou £450 and £250 respectively for salvage services rendered in the North Sea to the Hull s.s. Swanland, which had run short of fuel and provisions, and the weather being extremely unfavourable signalled for assistance, in response to which signals the trawlers came up, and after some difficulty towed her into Lowestoft Roads.

Chancery Division.

TRANSFERRING AN INSURANCE BUSINESS.

Justice North sanctioned the petition of the Positive Government Security Life Assurance Co. (Ltd.), by which its business is to be transferred to the British Empire Mutual Life Assurance Co.

County of London Sessions.

Clerkenwell.

COMMON ASSAULT.

Jane Sheahan was found guilty of having committed a common assault on James Rooney, and was sentenced to 1 month's imprisonment, with hard labour.—The assault took place on Jan. 18 in the Corner Pin public-house, Stratford-ground, Westminster, when during an altercation the prisoner struck the prosecutor in the left eye with a broken glass, causing an injury so that his sight was permanently destroyed.

LIABLE TO 14 YEARS.

Joseph Abramson, 32, of Clerkenwell, was indicted for breaking and entering the dwelling-house of Lazarus Lachman and stealing and receiving £1, tapes and other articles, value £45. Mary Ann King, 22, factory hand, was jointly indicted for having received a jacket, value £2 10s.—The prosecutor is a mantille-maker with premises at 60, New-rd., in the Whitechapel district. At the end of December last his house was broken into and a quantity of property taken.—On Feb. 1 he received a letter from a man in Brick-lane, Spitalfields, and there found property identified as portions of the proceeds of the robbery. Later King was found in the possession of a jacket, and both were eventually charged.—The jury, under the direction of the court, acquitted King; Abramson was found guilty.—Det.-sergeant Gill H. D. was at the scene of the crime in Clerkenwell, and there found property identified as portions of the proceeds of the robbery. 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TURF, FIELD, AND RIVER.
BY LARRY LYNN.

(Readers of this article should remember that the opinions and sentiments expressed therein are given upon the authority of the horses, jockeys, and managers, and not upon the authority of the writer, who has no power over publication of the names of those that something prevents him from naming. What has happened in connection with the horse which affects the opinion held of him by "Larry Lynn" prior to going to print.)

At last the stewards of the Jockey Club are beginning to recognize the value of long-distance races.

The Queen's Plate, which now have done so much for Queen's Plate, have virtually disappeared from the face of the earth. All the distance races that are held through the length and breadth of the land, which are not exceptions to hold its popularity. It is I understand,

the intention of the stewards of the Jockey Club to found a new long-distance race of considerable value. It would be well if the gate money meetings were to follow this example. The race will be called the Hamilton Stake, and no other name could be better for it, as it is only just awakening to the fact that the short sprints and bursts which now obtain are uninteresting and sapping in strength the British horse.

The Duke of Hamilton was a player himself in all branches of sport, and it is to be hoped that the new stakes which are the present foundation will add to the memory of the man, who did so much for the welfare of the turf,

and who did so much for the welfare of the turf, and kept it green.

We have had a lot of racing during the past week. Windsor has clashed with Shrewsbury, and Lingfield with Doncaster. The general consensus of opinion is that racing is very much overdone. The sport at Shrewsbury is not worth discussion, as no horses of class carried silk. At Windsor, however, Horison was launched in a public Grand National, which was dismally defeated by Caledonian. Horison had done such

gloomy work at Sandown Park previously that it was a positive wonder that his friends kept him in his place in the quotations. Still, his admirers regarded him as rather unlucky in the work he had done over the Esher slopes, and on that account he still found friends for the Grand National. At Windsor he was not allowed to do a big thing, as although he had the County Council silk, the latter, who had captained Ricardo, put up silk, overweight. Odds of 6 to 1 were offered on Horison, but he won a sorry mess of it.

He bungled at the start, and the odds were off. He was beaten in the straight, and County Council, who is by no means a dyer over country, was not surprised that Horison receded. The odds of 6 to 1 were held over him, and he had it ever since.

A little time has gone on to Van der Berg, but this was not surprising when one comes to consider what good work the old horse has done of late. Of the young horses, there is none like better than Alpheus, who is reported to be improving every day of his life. If he wins the Grand National, he will give a tremendous impetus to the triumph of a young horse in the Grand National would prove that our steeple-chasers are much on the improving scale. He belongs to one of the most popular patrons of the British turf, and if he won his success, would be a general appraiser.

Great stress is laid on the "Why Not" of the Grand National this year. This was when he could not stay 10 miles at any pace, but his weakness was due, more than anything, to over-training. In the race under notice, H. C. Horison and G. H. Yates were to have formed a tandem crew, but they could not satisfy the licensing authorities.

POLICE INSPECTOR RETIRES.

A well-known police officer, Insp. Tucker, H Division, has, after nearly 27 years' service, retired on a full pension.

For some years he has been in charge of the Stepney subdivision, which is one of the most important in the metropolis. Out of his service 5 years were spent at King's-st. Westminster, about 10 years at Caledonian Rd. Station, some 4 years at Bermondsey and the Borough, and the remainder at Arbour-st. During those lengthened periods he was engaged in many important cases, and assisted at numerous functions, and in his retirement carries with him the respect and best wishes of his superiors and brother officers, as well as that of the general public, with whom his duties have brought him in contact. A testimonial is being got up for this respected officer, and will, no doubt, act as a stimulus in the performance of his new duties as secretary to the E. London Licensed Victuallers' Protection Association.

COCKFIGHTING IN MANCHESTER.

Thirty-three men, the majority being clerks, operatives, and labourers of various descriptions, were charged before the Manchester city justices with cock-fighting.—Det.-insp. Caminada stated that he and Det.-insp. Hargreaves on Monday made inquiries in the neighbourhood of Shudehill, and came to the conclusion that a cock-fight was going to be brought out at the Wilton Arms. Observations were kept on Tuesday morning, and a large number of men were noticed to enter the hotel. Shortly after 11 witness and a number of other officers rushed into the suspected house. They went upstairs, and in a large room found all the defendants assembled. A carpet had been laid on the floor, and four pairs of birds were being got ready to fight. The persons in the room were placed under formal arrest, and the cocks, along with spurs, scissors, scales, and other things used in connection with contests of this kind, were seized. He saw a man named Ernest Jones, a nose wife held the license of the place.

Jones, after declaring that the arrangements for the cock-fight were made contrary to the effect that 2 men named Doyle and Shepherd took the room, for which he had not received any payment. He was told that dukes, earls, and lords would be present at the fight. He did not think there was any harm in letting them have the room. Defendants were fined, one in £5 and costs, another in 2s. and costs, and the remainder in 10s. and costs each.

CLEVELAND-STREET MURDER.

Dinah Cohen, tailoress, was again before Mr. Hannay, at Marlborough-st. charged

with the killing of her child Maid, aged 3 weeks at a house in Cleveland-st., Fitzroy-sq. Mr. Abrahams defended. The circumstances of the case have been fully reported in "The People."

—Dr. McLean had been deposed to having made a post mortem examination of the child's body. He found it to have been poorly nourished, weighed 5lb. instead of 7lb.

The proper weight of a child of its age, the cause of death was asphyxia, brought about by a piece of wadding about the size of a walnut forced into its mouth. Its stomach was almost full of milk.—Cross-examined by Mr. Abrahams: If a woman 3 weeks after her confinement were to be in a condition of mental worry, and were to walk 6 miles or take other unusual exercise, it might cause her mind to become temporarily unstrung.

Jacob Hermann, tailor, of Cleveland-st., said prisoner was his niece, and came to England 5 years ago, and could have come to him. He would have taken her in. She had previously had a child, also born in the Westminster Workhouse, about 2 years ago, but it died, from what he could not say, in a home where it was placed with its mother.—Prisoner, who deserved her defense, was committed for trial.

At Rhonda Valley Police Court, on Thursday, 32 hauliers employed in Cymmer Collieries were fined £1 each for leaving their work without notice. About 400 miners were rendered idle.

Hawthorn is the only metropolitan club which has ever had regular tournaments with the cities of South Wales, and it is just as well that this should be so, apparently, seeing the ease with which crack clubs run through presumably our best.

At the Buxton Field earlier in the season

MARRIAGE MAKERS AT THE OLD BAILEY.
WOES OF FORTUNE-HUNTERS.

VERDICT AND SENTENCES.

The trial of the 5 defendants who are charged with fraud in connection with the management of "The World's Great Marriage Association" was resumed at the Old Bailey this week, before the Recorder, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Avery, and Mr. Clarke appeared for the prosecution; while defendant counsel are Sir F. Lockwood, Mr. Candy, Mr. Scottell, Mr. Warburton, Mr. Green, Mr. W. Kent, and Mr. Calvert.—The first witness called this week was a tall, thin, spectacled young man, named Sutton, a draper's clerk. He got into communication with the association, paid his fees, and not the names and addresses of numerous ladies sent to him. His position was only worth a guinea a week, and he experienced some difficulty in raising the amount of the fees. He paid £1 3s. 3d. first, and followed it up later with a similar amount. His experience was somewhat similar, it appeared, to that of previous witnesses. Some ladies replied to his letters, others did not. Then the association suggested a further payment: They wrote to him of their enormous business which had been built up at the expenditure of large sums of money, advertisements appearing throughout the world's press. The association sent him the names of ladies said to have £2000 a year and £3000 a year, and a multitude of feminine personal charms. He was asked to pay a further £10. He managed to do it. But the rich wife did not turn up, and he began to think all was not as it should be. He wrote to the Matrimonial Herald, who were bogus, and at last wrote to the association threatening to return to Scotland with £1000. But the rich wife did not answer at all. Subsequently witness joined the "special" branch on payment of £10, which he provided by selling a gold mine share. Then he received introductions to 3 ladies, all of whom were stated to have good incomes or capital. He wrote to each of them, and they all replied that they were without money; but one urged that she had a very loving disposition.—Cross-examined by Sir F. Lockwood: Was the money the only thing you were after? One of the things I was looking for was a woman. (Laughter.)

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SCOTCH FORESTER'S EXPERIENCES.

—Robert Brockett, forester at Clarkston, N.B., who spoke with a very strong Scotch accent, said he instructed the association that he desired a lady with £2000 a year. (Laughing.) Witness himself was earning £200 a year. (Renewed laughter.) To this he received a reply from the association to the effect that they quite understood his desire in the matter, and hoped that he would soon effect a prompt, happy, and satisfactory matrimonial alliance. (Laughter.) Having paid his fees, a number of ladies' names were sent him. Among the replies he received was one sending him back his photograph with a strong hint that the correspondence would not be resumed, whilst a Miss Lock "did not think the particular satisfactory" on the part of the witness. (Laughter.) Some ladies did not answer at all. Subsequently witness joined the "special" branch on payment of £10, which he provided by selling a gold mine share. Then he received introductions to 3 ladies, all of whom were stated to have good incomes or capital. He wrote to each of them, and they all replied that they were without money; but one urged that she had a very loving disposition.—Cross-examined by Sir F. Lockwood: Was the money the only thing you were after? One of the things I was looking for was a woman. (Laughter.)

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Tossed mid wind and wave, a vessel struggled on to meet her doom; All around were angry waters, up above the heavy 'ead was gloom;

Dark and fierce the storm was raging, and the crashing breakers swell; Like a ball the ocean tossed her, till upon the rocks she fell.

There she lay—ahed the breakers seemed to roar in fiendish glee, Darker grew the sky above them, darker grew the angry sea;

There they suffered cold and hunger, some were dying, some were dead, And the reason of the others tottered in that hour of dread.

There was one aboard the vessel, not a sailor lad was he, But no braver, nobler spirit ever ploughed the stormy sea;

But a lad of few short summers, cheery in his voice and smile, Plucky in the midst of danger, stedfast in the time of trial.

And he pondered how to help them—save them from the fate in store. Right ahead—a glimpse of heaven—rose the haven of the shore.

—With a line," he said, "I'll reach it. Let me be the one to save," And the gallant little hero plunged into the icy wave.

Now the roaring winds and waters sing aloud their battle song, While the roused and hopeful sailors cheer him loud and cheer him long.

Now the waters dash him backwards, now they close above his form; Still upon his path of glory goes the hero of the storm.

Soon upon a wave he rises, then he disappears from sight, But again the cheers swell upwards—he has conquered in the fight.

See the shore is nearer, nearer; on, brave boyish spirit, on!

Now at last he stands in safety, but, alas! the line is gone.

Not in vain that deed of daring, for it thrilled and cheered their hearts,

And upon the way to join him, see the gallant lifeboat starts.

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